Merry Christmas

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To The Staff and Personnel of The Hospital For Special Surgery

As Christmas, with its cherished traditions and joyful memories, comes again, it is a pleasure for me to extend this greeting to the staff, personnel, and volunteers of this Hospital. May the year-end holidays be for you a time of pleasant good cheer and may the New Year bring to you increasing happiness and fulfillment.

We may well be thankful, in reviewing the past year, for being able to continue our work and growth as a hospital in our special fields of medicine and surgery. We are mindful of the whole-hearted service rendered by each Hospital worker, and appreciative of the continued encouragement and support of our many friends. We realize that without such devoted workers and faithful friends a voluntary hospital such as ours could not survive.

Remembering the words uttered so long ago, on that first Christmas morn, "Peace on earth to men of good will," --we pray that we may be given the peace to carry on our work in the effort to help mankind.

Cordially yours,

F. Wilson Keller

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Director

Bouquets

As is customary, we publish parts of some of the letters received this year, commending the personnel and service of this Hospital. The following letters were sent to us by former patients, and we pass them on to you who served them:

From a Patient on Pavilion 5:

"Now that it's all over except for odds and ends, may I take just a moment of your time to thank you for the fine care that you took of me and for the courtesy and attention that keynoted the attitude of the entire staff.

"Nobody except doctors, nurses, or hypochondriacs, likes to spend any more time in a hospital than they have to, but you and your staff certainly make it pleasant for your patients. The cheery attitude of all the nurses, and all the others -- the orderlies, the elevator operators and even the cleaning women -- made a deep impression on me.

"In particular, I would like to compliment the dieticians whose food was so unusually good, something I frankly didn't anticipate.

"Most of all, I am grateful to you for making my stay so pleasant and my leg so well."

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From a Patient Admitted as an Emergency:

"As a director of several hospitals, I want to say that I was very much impressed with the courteous treatment extended to me during the early hours of the morning on June 23rd.

"I had an attack of the kidneys and applied to your hospital as an emergency case at 3 A.M. and your Head Nurse and the two doctors whose names I do not recall but to whom I am thankful, did a good job in quickly relieving the pain.

"It is this type of service that makes New York institutions the finest in the world."

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From the Grandmother of a Patient; Ward 3C:

"I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful way my little grandson was treated during his recent stay in Ward 3C.

"This is our second child who has been there and it is a great comfort to know how well the children are taken care of.

"Please convey this message to both the day and night nurses in that Ward. If there is anything I can do to be of service in that Ward I will gladly try to help. I work during the day, but could spare a few hours and would like to show my appreciation in that way."

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From a Patient on 4C:

"Just a few lines to express my gratitude and thankfulness for the kindness and consideration given to me during my recent sojurn there on Ward 4C.

"Every courtesy was shown to me. My time there passed pleasantly.

"I wish we could have more nurses with the pleasing personalities of your nurses. They are my idea of the kind of nurse that makes this world a nice place to live in.

"I just thought you should know how I feel about being a patient in your nice hospital. Everyone was very nice to me."

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From a Patient on Pavilion 3:

"Please accept and extend to the members of the Nursing Staff on the third floor, Gibney Pavilion, my expression of grateful appreciation for the tender, loving care which they gave to me during my recent illness. I could not have been happier during these days in any other environment.

"Rest assured that I shall remember all of you in my daily prayers. May God bless each and every one of you and grant to you during this coming year an abundance of graces and blessings."

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From the Father of a Patient on 3A:

"I wish to express to you our gratitude for the courteous and friendly service given by those on the Hospital Staff during the past eleven months.

"Our daughter was in the Hospital as a patient of Dr. John R. Cobb last spring and again this winter for a scoliosis operation. She received excellent care while in the Hospital and Mrs. D. and I received every courtesy from the members of the Hospital and Nursing Staff.

"The Hospital is to be commended for the fine service given and we are most appreciative for every consideration given us."

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From another recent Patient:

"During one of the most trying experiences in my life, I was cared for and comforted by a rare group of people -- your nurses, doctors and all the others who are a part of hospital life.

"I consider them rare because their kindness and deep interest in my welfare was constant. There were no days in which nurses were anything but solicitous and helpful, and no time when all other members of your staff failed to give me the attention which at all times was so gratifying.

"I am thankful to my doctor for recommending this Hospital, and, in all sincerity, and from the bottom of my heart want to say -- many thanks for everything.

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From a Patient on Pavilion 4, and her Husband:

"I was a private patient from June 10th to July 18th this summer. I want you to know that the nursing care I received was most excellent. I cannot speak too highly of all the grand people who attended me during this time. I found the nurses in charge most efficient and most considerate.

"I am so grateful that I felt you should know what Mr. W. and I think of the Hospital. Mr. W. was a patient for three weeks during my stay. He had the same experience as I.

"We have contributed to the Hospital for the past few years and are very proud to continue to do so. We think it a remarkable institution. With a heart full of gratitude, I remain."

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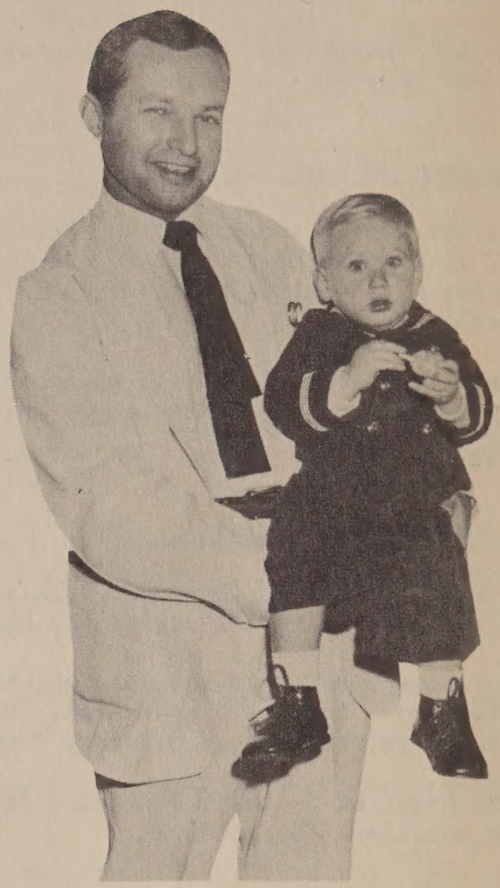
The radiant bride and happy groom Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson (Joyce Little of our Dietary Department).



The little "Commander" in Dr. Lichtblau's life is his son, Richard.

Miss Grace Mc Cullough was speechless at her farewell tea.

This little charmer is Miss Migdalia Agosto, the new daughter of Carmelo Agosto, special diet chef.

ORTHOPEDIC RESIDENTS:

Thanks to Charlie holding down the fort, we all enjoyed ourselves at the annual dance. Donaldson had to put some elastic in his cummerbund so that it would fit; Hoover wore a Liebolt innovation; Apuzzo wore a checkered vest that Esquire won't print for another five years; and Avnet came full dressed for reasons we all found out, but too late. Sam works part time at Rubin's where many were channelized after the dance. Chuck Fuerst paid 60¢ for a ham sandwich, but when he heard that the pickle cost $5.00 he wrapped it in a handkerchief and took it home. All the women were impressed by Gabe the Mexican jumping bean, and that star on his shoulder carries a lot of weight. Nick's afraid that in the UN Army he would be assigned as Gabriel's plaster boy.....A hinterland visiting fireman made the mistake of nodding "yes" instead of "no" at a recent scoli clinic, and J.R.C. soon took up the cue and had the hapless one's head shaking like a Model "T" waiting for a red light.....All the residents are to be co-authors of Nick's latest experimental study. We all contributed freely toward a control evaluation which Nick hopes will show normal bands on the infra red spectrum. Naturally, in preparing for the experiment, we all had a few free thoughts of our own, and added extraneous material to our output. Thus, unknown to Nick, some new bands are likely to develop on the horizon.....The new year is approaching and many resolutions are being formulated. Among them we believe that: Dr. Thompson - will take six more easy lessons in speaking Spanish and learn some new golf jokes with which to torture the residents; Dr. Wagner will putt out on the greens and remember at least one 2 - 2 result of his cuneiform osteotomy; Dr. Stephens will trade in his hagedorn needles for a Singer sewing machine; Dr. Patterson will help put on a scoli jacket Tuesday afternoon, so we can get to Fracture Conference early; Dr. Liebolt will trade in his Phi Beta Kappa key for an Elk's tooth; Dr. Cobb will have all visitors to the Scoli Clinic wear fireman helmets, finally publish a book on scoliosis, and pose for a picture with Risser, Von Lackum, and Turken; Dr. Rizzo will change from solid-colored to plaid ties and convince my wife that she hasn't a chance; Dr. Cooper, the quiet man, will give his analysis of the doodlings he performs during conference; Dr. Straub will agree with Dr. Liebolt once every conference, and use rubber heels instead of Ten-penny-nails; Dr. vomSaal will use a sliding bone graft once a month and a slotted plate twice a year; Phil Jr., noted recently to be disappearing, will now again start eating at least one meal a day; Dr. Lawrence will stop acting like Jimmy Cagney and assume the role of Charles Boyer; Dr. Burstein will smile at least t.i.d. and actually laugh once a week; Dr. Donaldson will admit he is getting more like J.R.C. daily -- he even beats Jean with a rubber mallet (leaves no marks and is not shocking); Dr. Nicholas is going to be as enthusiastic about going into the Army as he is about everything else, (honest--that's what he told me). Dr. Avila will try putting ketchup on his chili-con-carne; Miss Evans will let us get to clinic at 1:15 on Wednesdays and promises to initial all the residents' scrub suits. Yours truly promises to give up -- writing this nonsense.

P.L.

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(A short sermon, but long enough)

Hear ye all throughout creation
Christmas is here once again.
If ye wish wholesale cremation
Make these words to be in vain:
Love thy neighbor; do to others
As ye would if ye were brothers.

Peace on earth, good will and reason,
These are pregnant words, my friends.
May we through this holy season
Pray for this, while we clasp hands.
Better words we cannot cherish;
It may well be that or, --- perish.

E. N.

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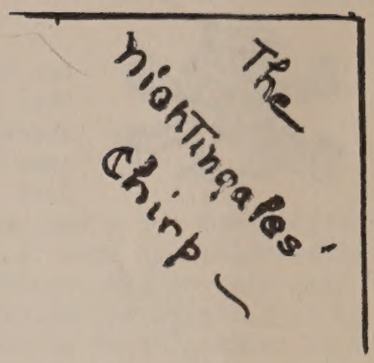


We welcome to our staff Miss Frances Thompson on 3A, Miss Anna Schmitz on 4C, and Miss Light on 4B.....Instead of saying good morning these days the patients on 5D say Happy Birthday since Dr. Hansson, Miss Salkeld, and Mr. Hartridge all have added another year since December 1----presents too, no less. A cake for Dr. Hansson and Miss Salkeld and an unmentionable for Mr Hartridge. On you, Mr. H., we bet it looks good-plus it being your favorite color. Lucky boy.

D.S.

"And the Band Played On"

The music was dreamy, spirits were high, the gowns exquisite and from your reporters angle (on the bias) the dance was a huge success.....Among the beauties was Mrs. Campbell in a grecian gown of light green, Miss Brady (better known as Twinkletoes), a beautiful ball of blue fluff, and Miss Newman, a silhouette in black and white,-this could go on but space is limited. These were just a few of the lovely sights that evening. The men, handsome in their tuxedoes, were dancing, joking and bubbling over from the usual sources..... ....Our Mr. Conti came home with the $50.00 door prize..... The two outstanding events of the evening were Monsignor Dineen doing an imitation of Al Jolson singing, "Mammy" and Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Jr. doing the "Charleston.".....It was a great evening containing all the ingredients for making a happy family----friendship, happiness and merriment.....We hope the next one is a repeat success.

L.G.

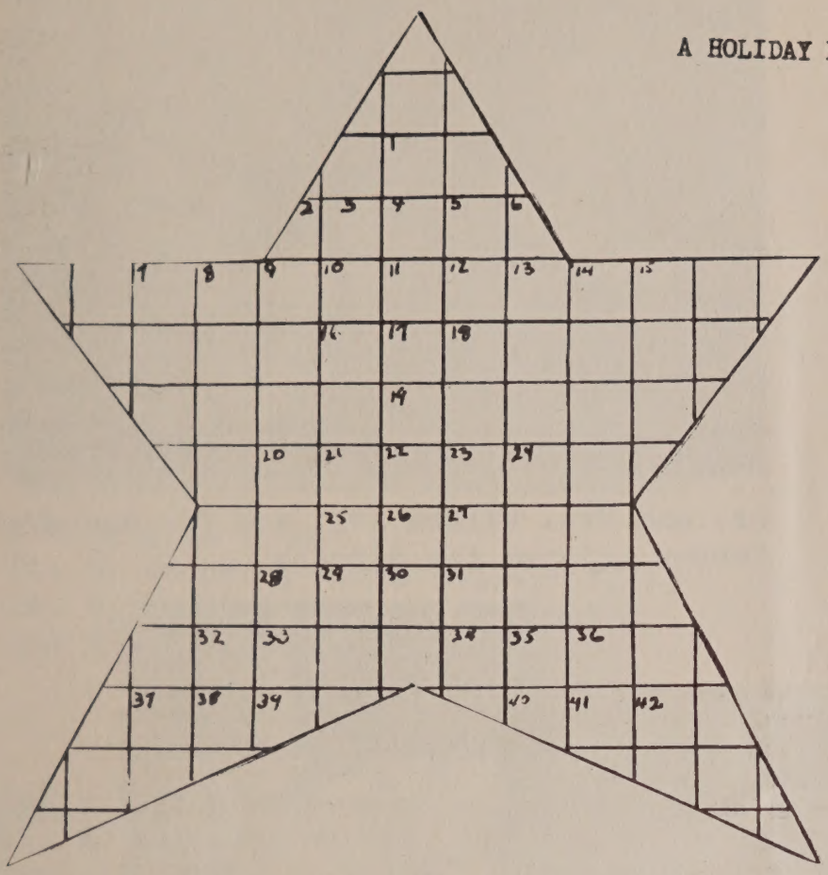
"A Day With Ophelia"

OPHELIA AND I

We started out, Ophelia and I, we didn't know where we were going, but we were on our way. There were ever so many things that we wanted to do -- first of all we stopped at the "Little Church Around the Corner" at 1 East 29th Street, famous for the thousands of weddings held there yearly at the "Brides Altar". Fascinating thought -- if we weren't already married, and, if we had a boyfriend, we'd have taken him along. Gentle hint?.....Well, further down town we stopped at the New York Stock Exchange, at Wall, Broad and Nassau Streets. As you probably know, this is the largest organized securities market in the world. The visitors gallery is open daily from 10 A.M. to 12 noon. The entrance to the visitors gallery on the second floor is at 20 Broad Street. It's an exciting and thrilling experience.. Try it sometime!.....On to the Whitney Museum of American Art -- collections of American paintings, sculpture, drawings and watercolors. Open daily from 1 to 5 P.M., except Monday. Admission? Free! Address? 10 West 8th Street, Manhattan.....Back to Ophelia -- who has to wait patiently while I enjoy myself and we're off again. This time, way up town to Fifth Avenue, 103rd Street, to the Museum of the City of New York. Here, one of every woman's favorite pastimes -- the Fall Fashion Costume Show. That should be interesting, and if you have time to spare, take in the "New York Stage from the Wings" and "Sidewalks of New York" 1852... .....Enough for one day, don't you think? So, back to Ophelia and then home -- to spend a few quiet hours looking up places to go and things to do at a later date....."Au revoir"....

(Ophelia and I) G.S.

A HOLIDAY PUZZLER



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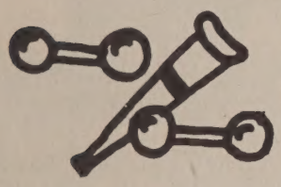
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE:



First of all Physio wants to wish everybody the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Don't make too many New Year's resolutions because most of them are too hard to keep...(that's my excuse anyway.)..... We welcome Mr. Salvatore Gulo who divides his time between the polio ward and the patients in room 4.....Nice to have you working with us Sal..... .....Mrs. Santee and I went on a conducted tour through the United Nations Building, otherwise referred to as"our big neighbor". It was extremely interesting to see the conference rooms, the press building, and the Assembly Hall. I am quite sure, the two of us were the only New Yorkers in the large group of people we walked around the U.N. with. They also have a wonderful gift shop there with beautiful things from all over the world. Mrs. Nielson and both Mrs. Santee and I are doing most of our Christmas shopping there.

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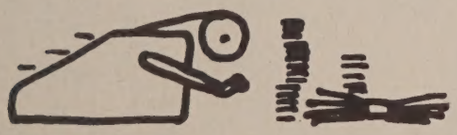
L.T.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:



At last wedding bells have rung in the Accounting Department. Our new cashier, Harriet Jennings, on Friday afternoon, December 5th, in the Little Church on East 29th street, became the bride of Joseph Barry who hails from Brooklyn, (U.S.A.). The bride wore an aqua faille suit and accessories-to-match. She was attended by her cousin Mrs. Montcomb of Hyannis, Mass. and the bridegroom's brother, Thomas Barry. The happy couple will make their home in Brooklyn. We wish them happiness and good luck in their life together.....We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

M.F.

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Dr. and Mrs. Philip Wilson were lucky winners in the "Pot of Gold".

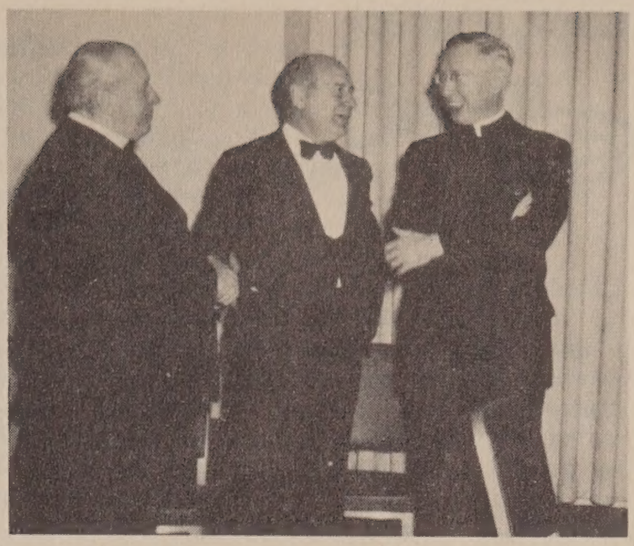
Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey enjoyed the dancing.

Isabel Ullger and Dr. Straub were among the merry-makers.

Mr. and Mrs. Keller are well taken care of by the Maintenance Department.

Right: Dr. and Mrs. Ross Campbell -- a handsome pair!

A Congenial Group:
Dr. M. Helpern, Norma Bender (Van), Dr. H. Kirkland, Joseph Gaffney and Miss Loretta Gaucher.



Three distinguished guests -- Monsignor Dineen and Father Skully from St. Agnes, and Mr. Duryee.

<u>Right</u>: Three lovely ladies Mrs. A. Maloney, Mrs. B. Campbell, and Miss Ruth Hansen.

A T THE

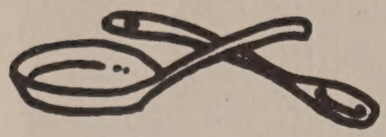
D A N C E

Dr. G. Furey and Miss Ruth Hawley stopped to chat.

Behind those radiant smiles -- Mrs. Olive Fischer and Miss Mary Albin.

DIETARY DEPARTMENT:

From The Kitchen:



It is said that one picture is worth one thousand words. This month we have two pictures in, so it would seem I need hardly write another word, but I will....."The" dance was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee, (He's one of the chefs who helped prepare the delicious Thanksgiving dinner,), and Mrs. Evelyn Freer. Also representing our department were Mrs. Joyce Little Johnson and spouse.....Miss Belta Kelly has been transferred from pantries to the kitchen to try her hand in cold food prepartion.....Mrs. Catherine O'Connor (3A) had the pleasure of spending Thanksgiving Day with her family. Miss Agnes Gordon (3C,3D) had her special dinner with friends. The rest of us were guests of Special Surgery.....Miss May Fehlandt (4B,4C) is still convalescing; and working in her place, we have Mrs. Mary Doyle..... .Next month you will have a new scribe as I am resigning my position in order to join my husband in our new home at Seabrook, New Jersey...I have enjoyed the many contacts and friends I have met here, and my experience at Special Surgery will not be soon forgotten.

L.R.J.

From the Cafeteria:

Our Thanksgiving Day dinner was the usual success and all present were as well stuffed as the turkey....."Changes are lightsome and fools are fond of them." This old saying applies with sure significance to cafeteria personnel. Changes are too numerous to mention but until we all learn Spanish, service will never be as it was B.K....(before Korea).....One change, for the better, we hope, is our reporter who now signs himself,

L.A.

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UP IN THE SCHOOLROOM:

Anyone who passed the schoolroom on a certain Wednesday in November probably noticed the overflow of people in the corridor. It was only our talented pupils who were to blame. They were holding Open School Week exercises and the place was literally packed. The star attractions were our own pupils who wrote their parts and presented them with professional ease. The theme was "Children in a Changing World." Mrs. King, our principal, gave the welcoming address. Mr. Young, Assistant Director of H.S.S., gave a not-soon-to-be-forgotten closing speech. Among the spectators were members of the staff and proud parents who joined in the festivities by singing appropriate songs for the occasion. I know that I am expressing the feelings of all the pupils by saying thank you to all the members of the staff who had their schedules disrupted by Open School Week. Thank you all for being so patient..... ....."Oh you better watch out, you better not cry,"--"Silent Night, Holy Night" are only a few of the songs that our talented pupils practice in anticipation of Christmas Day. Sounds nice doesn't it? Christmas is arriving at a fast and furious pace in our little old schoolroom. Paper chains are strung up, reindeer are being painted along with Santa Claus and snowmen. The click of scissors and the swish of paint brushes can be heard among the merry sounds as the children turn the classroom into a winter wonderland.

Joan Wilkinson

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CORNER SHOP:

C H R I S T M A S C A R D S ! ! ! Just two more weeks till then.

Childrens Toys

Toilet Articles for men.

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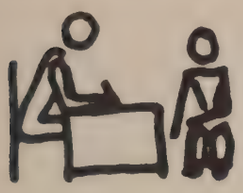
SOCIAL SERVICE NOTES:



Jingle bells, jingle bells! Santa is on his way to H.S.S. through the help of the Social Service Department, Women's Auxiliary and Corner Shop. The women of the Auxiliary, with the aid of the Corner Shop, are busy filling Christmas stockings for our ward children with all sorts of gay and exciting toys. The staff of the Social Service Department are preparing for the annual Union League Christmas Party for one hundred of our out-patient children.to be held on December 20th. Needless to say, every child in the clinic has already put in a bid for an invitation to this party since it is the party of all Christmas parties. A delicious luncheon is served, the youngsters have a two-hour entertainment which includes animal acts, etc, and finally Santa Claus arrives with shopping bags full of toys, clothing, and good things to eat which he distributes to each deliriously happy child.....It is with regret that we say good-bye to Mrs. Katherine Johnston who has served so faithfully these past ten years, particularly in connection with social service in the Scoliosis Clinic. However, she is returning to her old home town of Baltimore to be nearer her close relatives and friends. She is so excited because at long last she has found a lovely apartment and can once again set up a home. Mrs. Martha Hall is taking over Mrs. Johnston's responsibilities in the Scoliosis Clinic. We congratulate her on her promotion and feel sure that she will make an excellent contact in that clinic because of her talent for social work and her friendly nature..... A Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to all.....

E.A.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:

The Christmas Sale was quite successful this year and we reached the average annual total which will enable us to replenish our materials. .....We wish to thank all those who helped us, especially the Gamma Phi Beta National Collegiate Sorority who dressed our doll under the supervision of Mrs. Howard Marshall. Mrs. Madeline Fries, who volunteers one day a week in our department, was very helpful. She has taken a course given by the Occupational Therapy training Committee of the United Hospital Fund in order to be proficient in occupational therapy crafts, and graduated December 10th, 1952.....We appreciate the interest shown throughout the Hospital each year and thank you all for your support.

D.N.

CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC:

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Cerebral Palsy Clinic is inclined to agree with Sylvia Parker of the New York Post who is advocating that all holidays fall on a Monday.....Thanksgiving was a pleasant break in our work routine--but who feels like coming in the next day on a full stomach.. ..... We were rather busy this month getting some of our talented children ready for their appearance on the Cerebral Palsy Telethon which was televised on Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th. We hope that all of you found some time to look in and get a better understanding of Cerebral Palsy and all that the Cerebral Palsy Association is doing to help these children.

A.P.

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LAUNDRY:

Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to Hiram Connor at Wards Island and Henry Trinker at Welfare Island, both of whom were former employees. The afore mentioned and also Albert Booth at Central Islip, will receive baskets and presents for Christmas. The deliveries will be made by our "Three Cavaliers", Harold Sullivan, Rene Alessandrini, and Joe Gaffney.

J.G.

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CLINIC NOTES:

This, I believe, is the last issue of the R & C for 1952. Hail to 1953!..... Not much news---Alumni Day has come and gone---The Hospital Dance is long past----The football season is over and the holidays are upon us.....There is a huge sign hung over head in clinic which reads, "Elevator to Street", but, after one week we are still asked, "Where is the elevator to the street?".....People are funny.....Oh well I still think clinic is fun and hard work.... Answering the telephone is the hardest taxation on our brains, if any..... One of our co-workers answered it a few days ago. He said, "Clinic Desk, may I help you?" "Well-er-I have an appointment on your clinic today but its raining --do you think it will stop by 12:30? I can't go out in the rain." "Madam I cannot answer-----" "Well, do you think it will stop by three o'clock -- I can come then."

S'all for now.

S.S.

A Worth of Wisdom

Is it a jealousy or is it pride;
Or a mental insecticide---------
To which all yearning souls confide,
Making people fight or hide?

Is it ego or a faith in man
Which keeps all striving for a plan;
To keep from being an also-ran----
Being superior from each clan?

Is it ambition or the spark to live;
Which keeps man's hopes alive, active --
Instead of wasting in an existence--sieve;
But worldly deeds to strive, to give?

Is it the right to prove our worth?
No, it's just to prove our right on earth.

A.G.

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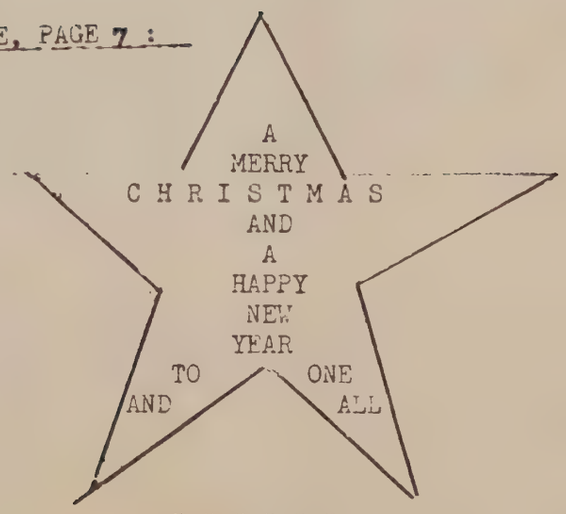
ANSWER TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE, PAGE 7 :



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INFORMATION DESK AND SWITCHBOARD:

This month we are switching our role as reporter for the Switchboard and Information Desk to tell you about Alumni Day. One day a year is set aside for us to hear of the success and happiness in the private lives of our former residents who come to us from all corners of the globe. This year we had quite a large gathering at the morning session, including Drs. Paul Colonna and Armitage Whitman. Also present was Dr. S. Yue, a former resident who is now studying physical medicine at the New York State Rehabilitation Hospital at West Haverstraw. Among the early arrivals were Dr. Rufus Aldridge and Dr. Walter Graham, the latter presenting an excellent paper at the afternoon session. We can honestly say that this was the largest gathering we have had at the morning session in many years, including the former resident and attending staffs.....Now, on to the evening part of the Alumni Meeting. Dr. Roger Davis was there to announce that he was the proud father of a five pound baby girl and this was the only time he was able to get out since the birth of the baby. The food at the dinner was fine, and the carbonated water and ice was greatly appreciated by those attending. We had quite a few of our old surgical residents present at the dinner, among them, Dr. Joseph Russo and Dr. John Taylor, former head of the GU service and now Chief of the GU service at St. Luke's Hospital. We were greatly amazed when in walked Dr. Russell Burrell who has not been around since he left to go on an expedition to the North Pole. We could not get very much information from Dr. Burrell about himself or his experiences. He was mostly interested in the changes that have taken place at the old R & C. Dr. Aldridge came down with a bad fever and consequently asked Dr. Burr Curtis to act as toast-master for the evening. As usual, Dr. Curtis did an excellent job. Among the speakers of the evening were Mr. Duryee, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Frank Purcell of Detroit, who only said Hello, and Dr. Walter Graham who gave us quite a summary of his appreciation of the education he received at Ruptured and Crippled. He paid tribute for his surgical technique to Dr. John Sullivan, his research and follow-up work to Dr. Vanderwerker, his conservative therapy to Dr. Richmond Stephens, and his orthopedic surgery to Dr. Lewis C. Wagner and Dr. Philip D. Wilson. Dr. Thibedau was elected President of the Alumni Association for 1953. In his acceptance speech he expressed how happy he was to be elected President of this organization and stated that of all the organizations to which he belonged, this was the greatest honor bestowed on him. Other speakers stressed the importance of the various fields of specialized medicine and surgery and what they will mean to the future of American medicine. All in all, the meeting this year was a grand success, all over too soon. And so, until next year!

T. C.

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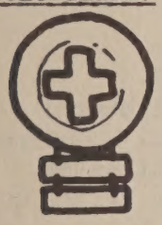
VOLUNTEERS:



November was a short month with two holidays. However, sixty-seven Volunteers gave 1,199,3/4 hours of much appreciated service. Five of our "old faithfuls" came on Thanksgiving Day, one remaining the entire day. Three enjoyed the delicious dinner, as guests of the Special Surgery family..... .....A big vote of thanks must be given to the Volunteers who did the box collecting for the United Hospital Fund at Radio City Music Hall. It meant an exhausting eight days of standing there on four hour shifts. It showed real devotion to our Hospital..... .....Again this year the Volunteers responded very generously with their beautiful gifts for the Pot of Gold at the dance. .....Mrs. Bertha Dunn, Mrs. Arthur Doctor, and Mrs. Mortimer Davis were in charge of the Pot of Gold at the Dance and worked from 9 until 2 A.M. We owe them our heartfelt thanks for making this part of the dance an ourstanding success..... .....The Volunteers rejoiced in their well earned pleasure that night when the blue coat was discarded for a gorgeous evening gown, and the clinic routine was exchanged for the festivity of the dance.

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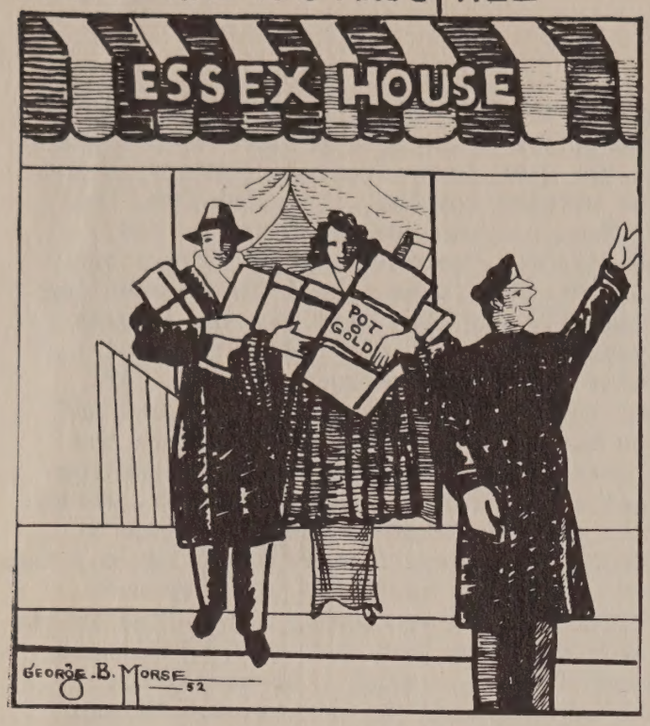
A Good Time Was Had by ALL



ABOUT THE DANCE

The Second Annual R & C Ball is now but a memory, --but a memory that will linger for a long time for those who were there. Held at Essex House on November 28th, it was attended by 426 employees and staff of the Hospital and their guests. The prizes for the Pot of Gold were more lavish and numerous than last year, but before midnight every lucky number had been drawn. It was the consensus that the music was excellent, the floor not too crowded, and the lovely ladies and the gentlemen who attended -- well, words just cannot do them justice. It is not possible yet to give you a financial accounting of this party, but it is certain that several thousand dollars will be divided between the fund for the new Hospital and the Harry Rashmajian Memorial Fund.

All who worked for the success of the dance are to be congratulated, and we regret that space does not permit us to list them individually. In addition to those who served on the various committees, our thanks are extended to those who contributed their time the night of the dance to take tickets at the door, sell beverage tickets, and supervise the Pot of Gold.

We should like here to publicly express our gratitude to Mr. Jerrold Golding of Essex House for again contributing the facilities of his hotel for our party, and to Mr. Henry Miller, Banquet Manager, and all of his staff who so efficiently and courteously served us that evening.

We can tell you now that arrangements have already been made to hold the Third Annual R & C Ball at Essex House on Friday evening, October 30th, 1953 -- a Halloween dance. All that is lacking is a committee to run it, and that will soon be selected.

J.C.H.

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NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

At the November meeting of the Board of Managers of this Hospital two new members were elected. Mr. B. A. Tompkins, Executive Vice President of the Bankers Trust Company, and Mrs. Edwin I. Hilson. Mrs. Hilson was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of her husband.

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AMONG OURSELVES:

We had a short note from the Patient's Library this month, saying that the library "is finishing the half year on a high note with a very successful book sale, and all Volunteers on full time.".....We send our best wishes to Mrs. Bohleber, who is at present an in-patient, and hope that she will have a speedy recovery.....Congratulations to Dr. K. G. Hansson, and Mrs. G. Dervend, who both celebrated birthdays this month.....A lovely note was received from Miss Grace Mc Cullough, thanking the Hospital employees and staff for the farewell tea held in her honor. In this note she says, "I hardly can find words to express my deep thanks to the Hospital and everyone who made it possible for me to receive such a wonderful gift...I have always been happy at the Hospital and enjoyed working with all the people there, not only in the X-ray Department, but throughout the entire Hospital. I shall have a lot of pleasant memories of my years at the Hospital." We all send our appreciation to Miss Mc Cullough for these kind words, and hope she will visit us often.....The Brace Shop reporter regrets that there is nothing noteworthy to report in this issue, but they wish to send greetings for the holiday season.....Dr. Carl R. Stevenson has been recalled into the service of his country, and will be leaving us the end of January to serve at the Naval hospital at Annapolis Md. Godspeed to you, Steve, and come back to us as soon as you can!

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